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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7658

BILL NUMBER: HB 1973

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 18, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Vaccination Exemption and Disclosure.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Noe

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) to create and publish forms disclosing the risks and benefits of vaccines and to publish forms allowing an adult or a parent or guardian to exempt a child from receiving a vaccine. It requires a health care provider to provide a copy of the appropriate form to the parent or guardian of a child receiving a vaccine.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill would require that, in both English and Spanish, the ISDH create, publish, and distribute a vaccine disclosure form including the risks and benefits of each vaccine, and an exemption from vaccination form that explains the right not to receive a vaccine for adults and children. Additionally, the bill would require that health care providers give and explain the appropriate forms before administering a vaccination. The ISDH may impose a civil penalty of up to \$100 with revenues deposited in the state General Fund for a violation by a provider.

Currently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) produces Vaccine Information Statements - information sheets that explain both the benefits and risks of a vaccine. According to the CDC website, federal law requires that the sheets be handed out before each dose of certain vaccinations are given. To the extent that information sheets are available through the CDC, there should be no increased cost for ISDH to provide vaccine disclosure forms. However, the cost of providing exemption from vaccination forms and enforcement of health care provider requirements may increase administrative costs. The additional cost would depend on the rules adopted by ISDH under this section.

Background: According to the ISDH website, there were 85,489 births with live birth orders in 1999, 87,697 in 2000, and 86,572 in 2001. Based on this information, if one assumes that 86,600 children will receive about 20 doses of vaccinations, then the ISDH would be responsible for providing 1,732,000 vaccine disclosure and exemption from vaccination forms each year. In addition, there may be new vaccinations, new information to include in the benefits and risks, and a number of adults vaccinated. Families moving from Indiana and the development of multiple immunizations in one vaccine may decrease this estimate.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: State Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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